





# Military Service Pensions Act, 1924.



## APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE FOR A CERTIFICATE OF MILITARY SERVICE.

*SP 8489* ✓

This form must be filled in by every person who seeks a certificate of military service, and must be signed by him, and signature witnessed, on or before the 1st March, 1925. In the event of an applicant being unable to write he should affix his mark, such act being witnessed.

NAME (to be written in *block capitals*) KEELING CHRISTOPHER  
SURNAME. CHRISTIAN NAMES. ✓

PRESENT ADDRESS 13 HARDWICK STREET DUBLIN  
(to be written in *block capitals*). ✓

NOTE.—Before answering the questions below, the applicant is requested to note that

(a) All statements made in this application will be carefully investigated and satisfactory evidence must be forthcoming on request to substantiate each and every statement made.

(b) “If any person with a view to obtaining either for himself or any other person a grant or payment of a pension under this Act makes, signs, or uses any declaration, application or other written statement knowing the same to be false, such person shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding £25 (twenty-five pounds) or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or at the discretion of the Court to both such fine and imprisonment.” (Sec. 7 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

(c) “If any person so convicted as aforesaid is in receipt of a pension obtained by reason of such false declaration, application, or other written statement he shall forfeit such pension as from the date of such conviction.” (Sec. 7 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

If the applicant is unable to read, the above note should be read to him by the witness.

SERVICE IN OGLAIGH NA h-EIREANN OR IN THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS OR IN THE IRISH CITIZEN ARMY OR IN FIANNA EIREANN OR IN THE HIBERNIAN RIFLES.

For each of the under-mentioned periods in which you claim to have rendered active service, state the name of the unit or units, name and address of the O/C., the names and addresses of three officers at present serving in the Army who can verify your service.

If you are unable to name officers at present serving you may state the names of Members of the Oireachtas, Officers and Men of the Garda Siochana, or of the Dublin Metropolitan Police, or of Peace Commissioners, or Permanent Civil Servants (Active or Retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200 on a scale rising to not less than £300, or Justices of District Courts.

The following circumstances shall not be deemed to constitute a breach in the continuity of service :-

- (a) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, internment, or deportation under the Defence of the Realm Act, 1914, the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act, 1920, or any regulations made thereunder ;
(b) Absence from duty following arrest, imprisonment, or penal servitude in respect of sedition, treason or treason felony prior to 11th July, 1921 ;
(c) Absence from duty by reason of duties necessitating such absence undertaken at the instance of or on behalf of the Cabinet of Dail Eireann or on behalf of the Provisional Government from 21st January, 1919, to 1st July, 1922.

If you claim to have been absent from duty under these conditions, give particulars of the circumstances with respect to each such period of absence, and state its duration.

(1). FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1916, to 31ST MARCH, 1917.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C. ....

(c) References :-

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(d) Did you render active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916 ?

Yes.

(e) Unit or Units.....

(f) O/C. ....

(g) References :-

NAME.

ADDRESS.

- Mr. J. J. Walsh, P.M.G.
Mr. Sean Hilroy
Capt. M. Wilson, Curragh.

(h) Particulars of any Military operations or engagements or services rendered during this period :-

G. P. O and Parliament St

(i) Absence from duty.....  
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(2). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1917, TO 31ST MARCH, 1918.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(d) Absence from duty.....  
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(3). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1918, TO 31ST MARCH, 1919.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

(d) Absence from duty.....  
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(4). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1919, TO 31ST MARCH, 1920.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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(d) Absence from duty.....  
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(5). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1920, TO 31ST MARCH, 1921.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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(d) Absence from duty.....  
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(6). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 1ST APRIL, 1921, TO 11TH JULY, 1921.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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(d) Absence from duty.....  
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(7). CONTINUOUS SERVICE FROM 12TH JULY, 1921, TO 30TH JUNE, 1922.

(a) Unit or Units.....

(b) O/C.....

(c) References :—

NAME.

ADDRESS.

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(d) Absence from duty.....  
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SERVICE IN THE NATIONAL FORCES OR DEFENCE FORCES  
OF SAORSTAT EIREANN.

(8). Army No. *1046*..... (9) Age.....

(10). Date of enlistment..... *6<sup>th</sup> May 1922*.....

(11). Station at which you enlisted..... *Malboro Hall*.....

(12). Home address at date of joining..... *13 Hardwick St*.....

(13). Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division)..... *Engineers*.....

(14). Date of resignation or discharge or demobilisation..... *14<sup>th</sup> December 1923*.....

(15). Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation..... *Private*.....

(16). If serving on the 1st day of February, 1924, what was your rank on that date ?  
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(17). Were you a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive or of the Headquarter's Staff of Oglai gh na h-Eireann at any time prior to the 11th July, 1921 ? If so, state the position you occupied, the department or branch and the dates of your service.....  
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(18). If you are in receipt of any remuneration, pension, or allowance payable out of public monies, whether provided by the Oireachtas or out of the Central Fund, or by means of the poor rate or any other rate imposed by a local authority, state details.....  
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# Military Service Pensions Act, 1924

## REPORT BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

M.S.P. 2.

TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Assessors constituted under Section 3 of the above-mentioned Act, report as hereunder on the application of Christopher Keeling, 13 Hardwick Street, Dublin for a Certificate of Military Service in accordance with the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and the Regulations made thereunder.

(1) Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act.	(2) Forces in which active service was rendered	(3) Duration of active service during each of the prescribed periods as established to the satisfaction of the Board	(4) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined by Section 4 (2) of the Act
(a) (1) Active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916 ... ..			
(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917 ... ..			
(b) Continuous service from 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918 ... ..			
(c)   "   "   "   1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919 ... ..			
(d)   "   "   "   1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920 ... ..			
(e)   "   "   "   1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921 ... ..			
(f)   "   "   "   1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921 ... ..			
(g)   "   "   "   12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922 ... ..	Oglaigh na hEireann.	<u>56</u> Entire Period	<u>56</u> Year
(h)   "   "   "   1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923 ... ..	Oglaigh na hEireann [Defence Forces (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923]	Entire Period	2 "
(i)   "   "   "   1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923 ... ..	" " "	" "	1 "

Rank of the applicant as defined by Sec. 4 (3) of the Act.. Private .....

Total service for pension purposes, as defined by Sec. 4 (2) of the Act.. Nil .....

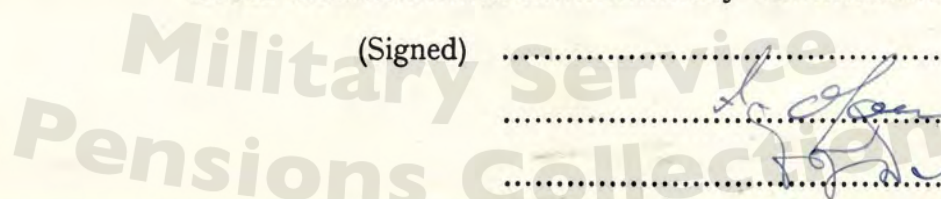
Dated this.....1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 1927.....

(Signed) .....

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Member of  
the Board  
of  
Assessors.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,

Secretariat.

16th July 1926

The Secretary,  
Board of Assessors,  
M. S. P. Act, 1924.

*Miss*  
The attached communication would appear  
to be for you. There are no papers relating to it  
in this Department.

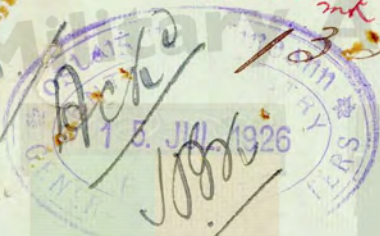
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RUNAIDHE.

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13 Hardwick St

Dublin

12/7/26

Ref No. S.P. 8789.

Sir

I was on a board  
on the 7<sup>th</sup> May. at E Block  
Portobello Bks. Re military  
service pension and have  
no reply up to today  
any further reference  
required I will be only  
pleased to get same

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hoping this will have  
your kind consideration

I am Sir

Your Obedient servant  
Christopher Keeling

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# AIRE PUIST AGUS TELEGRAFA.

(MINISTER FOR POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS.)

Clár-Uimh.  
(REFERENCE No.)

Sráid Muirbhthean,

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH,

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A Chara,

Mr. Walsh has asked me to forward you the attached letter from Mr. Christopher Keeling, 13 Hardwicke Street, Dublin, regarding his application for a Military Service Pension.

Mise, le meas,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely of the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, written over a horizontal line.

Runaidhe Aire.

The Secretary,  
Board of Assessors.  
(Military Service Pensions)

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13 Hardwick St

Dublin

12/7/26

Sir

I applied for military  
service pension and was  
on a board 7/5/26 and  
gave yourself and Mr. Hilroy  
as reference for services in  
1916 as I was a member  
of the Hibernian Rifles in  
28th Frederick at the  
time and left their that

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right to go to the G.P.O.  
hoping you will kindly  
recommend for same

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant  
Christopher Keeling



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### REPORT BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

M.S.P. 2.

TO THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Assessors constituted under Section 3 of the above-mentioned Act, report as hereunder on the application of Christopher Kelly for a Certificate of Military Service in accordance with the terms of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924, and the Regulations made thereunder.

(1) Periods of Military Service prescribed in the Act.	(2) Forces in which active service was rendered.	(3) Duration of active service during each of the prescribed periods as established to the satisfaction of the Board.	(4) Equivalent of active service for pension purposes as defined by Section 4 (2) of the Act.
(a) (1) Active service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916 ...			
(2) Continuous service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917 ...			
(b) Continuous service from 1st April 1917, to 31st March, 1918 ...			
(c) " " " 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919 ...			
(d) " " " 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920 ...			
(e) " " " 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921 ...			
(f) " " " 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921 ...			
(g) " " " 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922 ...			
(h) " " " 1st July, 1922, to 31st March, 1923 ...			
(i) " " " 1st April, 1923, to 30th September, 1923 ...			

*ASO*  
*[Signature]*

Rank of the applicant as defined by Sec. 4 (3) of the Act.....

Total service for pension purposes, as defined by Sec. 4 (2) of the Act.....

Dated this.....day of.....

(Signed) .....

Member of the Board of Assessors.



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M<sup>rs</sup> Christopher Keeling, 13 Hardwicke St, Dublin

In Hibernian Rifles  
in 1916.

G.P.O. Monday  
Parliament St. Tuesday  
We disbanded on Thursday  
We had no more stuff

(Sgt Major Edward Kelly)  
now in Athlone can  
verify.

Was a Bootmaker

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M.S.P. 4.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
(MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS),  
DUBLIN.

30/9/1925

To  
The Officer,  
i/c Personnel,  
Adjutant-General's Department.

### MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS ACT, 1924.

An application for a Certificate of Military Service has been received from  
*Christopher Keeling 13 Hardwick St. Dublin*  
The particulars of service furnished are as follows:—

Army No. *1046* Age. *Not stated*  
Date of enlistment. *6/5/22* Station at which he enlisted. *Marlbors Hall*  
Home address at date of joining. *as above.*  
Unit (Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division). *Engineers*  
Date of resignation, or discharge or demobilisation. *14/12/23*  
Rank held at resignation, or discharge or demobilisation. *Pte*  
Rank on the 1st February, 1924, if serving on that date. */*

Will you please certify at foot of this form as to the service, if any, rendered by this applicant in the National Forces or Defence Forces of Saorstát Éireann at any time subsequent to the 1st day of July, 1922, and prior to the 1st day of October, 1923.

GEARÓID Ó SUILLEAVÁIN,  
Runáí. *A*

To  
The Secretary,  
Board of Assessors  
(Military Service Pensions),  
Dublin.

I hereby certify that *Christopher Keeling*  
has rendered service in the National Forces or Defence Forces of Saorstát Éireann in the rank and during the periods set out hereunder:

Periods of Service prescribed in the Act.	Duration of Service during each period.	
	Date of commencement and date of ending.	Total number of days.
(1). Continuous service from 1st July, 1922 to 31st March, 1923.	<i>1. 7. 22. 31. 3. 23.</i>	<i>274</i> ✓
(2). Continuous service from 1st April, 1923 to 30th September, 1923.	<i>1. 4. 23. 30. 9. 23.</i>	<i>183</i> ✓

\*Rank *Private* ✓  
Dated *7. 10. 25.*  
*M. J. O'Sullivan*  
Commandant  
Officer i/c Personnel.

\*"Every military service pension shall be based upon the rank of the applicant at the time of his discharge from the National Forces or from the Defence Forces of Saorstát Éireann or the rank held by him on the 1st day of February, 1924, whichever of those ranks shall be higher....." (Sec. 4 (3) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

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(MINISTER FOR POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS.)

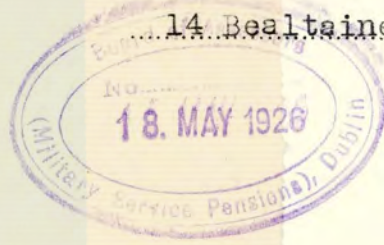
Clár-Uimh.  
(REFERENCE No.)

*Sráid Muirbhthean,*

BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH,

14 Bealtaine.....1926.

*8789*



A Chara,

Mr. Walsh has asked me to return to you the enclosed Reference Form, and to say that he no doubt knows Mr. Kieling but he is not in a position to certify as to his I.R.A. Service in 1916-17, as he cannot recall his association with the applicant.

The Minister suggests that Mr. Kieling be asked to name some other person who was more intimately connected with him at that period.

Mise, le meas,

*J. P. McManamin*

Runaidhe Aire.

The Secretary,  
Board of Assessors.  
(Military Service Pensions).

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Form to be filled in by a person testifying to the Service, if any, of an Applicant for a Certificate of Military Service.

Regd. No. S.P. 8789

BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
(MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS),

DUBLIN. 12-5-26.

To *Mr. J. J. Walsh T.D.*

*Minister for Posts & Telegraphs. Government Bldgs.*

In the application of *Christopher Keeling*  
*13 Hardwicke St. Dublin*

for a certificate of military service in accordance with the above-mentioned Act, your name appears as a reference who can verify this applicant's service in the periods *9/1* set out hereunder.

You are therefore requested to reply in Column 2 to the queries in Column 1 for each of the periods above referred to. It will **not** be sufficient to make one general reply. Each period must be dealt with separately, and it is essential that your reply for each period should clearly set out the actual position you formerly held which entitles or enables you to testify as to the service, if any, of the applicant during such period.

The utmost accuracy should be observed in the replies made to the queries on this form. Persons making false statements render themselves liable to severe penalties. See notes (a) and (b) at foot of this page.

GEARÓID O SUILLEAVÁIN,  
Runaí.

NOTE.—(a) "If any person with a view to obtaining either for himself or any other person a grant or payment of a pension under this Act makes, signs, or uses any declaration, application or other written statement knowing the same to be false, such person shall be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable on summary conviction thereof to a fine not exceeding £25 (twenty-five pounds) or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or at the discretion of the Court to both such fine and imprisonment." (Sec. 7 (1) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

(b) "If any person so convicted as aforesaid is in receipt of a pension obtained by reason of such false declaration, application, or other written statement he shall forfeit such pension as from the date of such conviction." (Sec. 7 (2) of the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924).

**(a) (1) Active Service in the week commencing 23rd April, 1916.**

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) Did the applicant render active service?	
(ii.) At what posts?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

**(a) (2) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.**

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

**(b) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918.**

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

**(c) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919.**

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

**(d) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920.**

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What do you know of his connection with the Volunteers during this period?	
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What rank did he hold?	
(iv.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

**(e) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1920, to 31st March, 1921.**

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	
(ii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer during this period and to what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

**(f) Continuous Service from 1st April, 1921, to 11th July, 1921.**

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military services did applicant render? Insert particulars of attacks on enemy forces or positions; destruction of enemy property; manufacture, purchase or disposal of munitions; collection of information to enable these acts to be done; or organising or training to the same ends.	
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(iii.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	
(v.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify as to his service?	

**(g) Continuous Service from 12th July, 1921, to 30th June, 1922.**

QUERY.	REPLY.
(i.) What military duties were discharged by applicant under authority during this period?	
(ii.) To what Unit or Units was he attached?	
(iii.) To what extent was he a full-time Volunteer?	
(iv.) What rank did he hold?	
(v.) What was his occupation prior to and subsequent to this period, and to what extent was his ordinary living interfered with by his work as a Volunteer?	
(vi.) What were the circumstances which enable you to testify to his service?	



You may at your discretion write hereunder a statement of any additional information which you consider may be of assistance to the Board in determining the application,

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Signature of reference.....

\*Witness to Signature.....

Address of Witness.....

Qualification .....

Date.....

\* Witness must be a Commissioned Officer at present serving in the Army ; or a Member of the Oireachtas or an Officer of the Garda Siochana or Dublin Metropolitan Police ; or a permanent Civil Servant (active or retired) whose salary is or was not less than £200, on a scale rising to not less than £300 ; or a Justice of a District Court ; or a Clergyman ; or a Registered Physician or Surgeon ; or a Barrister-at-law ; or a Solicitor.

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